

6th International Xenopus Conference

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Dr. George A. Hashim Associate Research Director The Council for Tobacco Research, USA, Inc. 900 Third Avenue

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Dear Dr. Hashim:

New York, NY 10022

I am writing in regard to corporate support for the upcoming 6th International Xenopus Conference to be held August 21-25, 1996 in Estes Pārk. Colorado. This is a longstanding conference series that is held every 2 years, alternately in Europe and North America. The conference has enjoyed increasing popularity, and the last 2 meetings have been heavily over-subscribed. It is a unique meeting because it brings together an unusual collection of people who work on Xenopus as a model for many different aspects of biomedical research. The 1996 conference focuses on aspects of current biomedical research using Xenopus that have relevance to the interests and products of CTR. In the 1996 meeting there will be a particular focus on cell cycle control, DNA replication, signal transduction by protein phosphorylation, action of growth and differentiation-specific hormones like  $TGF^{\beta}$ , and the molecular basis of axis formation. I believe these areas of cancer and developmental biology are ones of interest to CTR.

We are seeking contributions to help defray the cost of the meeting. Sponsors will be fully acknowledged at the meeting, and we anticipate having an area in the poster session room where information provided by CTR could be presented. Although we expect the meeting to be heavily over-subscribed, we are prepared to guarantee acceptance for at least one applicant from a company that provides support for the meeting.

Contributions for general support of the meeting are most valuable, but monies can, if desired, be designated for support of specific functions including travel grants, opening social, conference T-shirt, conference banquet, coffee break/poster session refreshments, conference abstract book, and conference briefcase. The conference has been incorporated as a Colorado non-profit corporation, which means any contributions are tax-deductible under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1953 (Federal tax ID#: 84-1275103). I hope to hear from you soon regarding what level of support you can provide, and I would be pleased to discuss the conference further with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

James L. Maller, Ph.D.

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Enclosure